MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : If necessary, Government will enquire.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether Government consider it necessary to ask the Excise Commissioner whether the Sub-Inspector maintained a register before 1106 ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Government will ask the Excise Commissioner whether the Sub Inspector maintains a book or not and if he does not maintain, he will be asked to maintain one.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : My question is whether before 1106, before the smuggling was found out, he maintained a book ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The Excise Commissioner will be asked to enquire into that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : In answer to part (*a*), it is stated that two officers, Messrs. S. Kulasekharaperumal Pillai and K. M. Matthen were in charge of the Customs at the time the fall occurred. My question is, in whose period the fall occurred ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : During Mr. K. M. Matthen's period.

Grant of lands to the Kanan Devan Hills Produce Co., Ltd.

301. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total area of land granted to the Kanan Devan Hills Produce Company, Limited ;

(*b*) the number of acres brought under cultivation ;

(*c*) the number of acres still (18-11-1107) lying idle ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Kanan Devan Hills Produce Company has applied to the Government for extensive pieces of land in Mannavanshola and Pambadumshola and the Pallivasal lands adjoining their estates in the north and south ;

(*e*) if so, the extent of land applied for ;

(*f*) the nature of the recommendations of—

(i) the Devicolam Commissioner ; and

(ii) the Land Revenue Commissioner ; and

(*g*) the action taken by the Government thereon ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The total area of the grant (Kanan Devan Hills Concession) is 1,36,972·73 acres besides 187·80 acres in Pallivasal and Anakulam.

(*b*) An area of 44,985·17 acres has been occupied by the company for cultivation, grazing, etc.

(*c*) An area of 92,175·36 acres is left unoccupied up to 18-11-1107.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) For 2,500 acres in the Pambadumshola and Mannavanshola together and for about 5,000 to 6,000 acres in Pallivasal.

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[Mr. P. Visvanatha Aiyar.]

(*f*) (i) and (ii). The application for lands in the Pambadumshola and Mannavanshola were recommended to be rejected both by the Devicolam Commissioner and the Land Revenue Commissioner. The application for lands in Pallivasal was recommended by the Devicolam Commissioner and the Land Revenue Commissioner to be stuck off the file along with other applications for lands in the locality as the question of registry of these lands was not finally disposed of by Government.

(*g*) The Government rejected the company's application for lands in Pambadumshola and Mannavanshola in their No. D. Dis. 751/32, dated 21-5-1932. Their application for lands in Pallivasal was also rejected in G. O. R. O. C. No. 560/31/Rev., dated 12-2-1932.

Measures for protecting the people of Tiruvalla from floods in the Manimala river.

302. MR. M. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state the measures they propose to take to save the people of Tiruvalla from constant high floods in the Manimala river, such as those occurred in 1099, 1104 and 1107 ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of Government in connection with the report of the Minor Irrigation Committee.

The Tahsildar, Tiruvalla.

303. MR. M. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the name of the Tahsildar at Tiruvalla ;

(*b*) the period during which he has been there ;

(*c*) the rule which prescribes the period during which a Tahsildar may be retained in a taluk ; and

(*d*) the necessity for retaining him therefor more than the ordinary period ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. John Mammen, B. A.

(*b*) From the 19th Chingam 1105.

(*c*) There is no specific rule in this matter.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this does not arise.

Statement, by caste, of clerks in the office of the Land Revenue Commissioner, Dewan Peishkars and Division Assistants.

304. MR. TARIATUKUNJI TOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the clerks in the offices of the Land Revenue Commissioner, Dewan Peishkars and Division Assistants ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) A statement* containing the required particulars is laid on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix VIII—page xx.

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